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Sheppard's Brother Sells Boat

Dr. Richard N. Sheppard, whose youngest brother, Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, is awaiting trial on a first degree murder charge in the death of his wife, Marilyn, has sold his 27-foot Chris Craft cruiser, it was learned today.

The boat, a 1952 model in the \$10,000 class, called the Para II, was sold by Richard to Leonard Delaney of 8121 Bauerdale Ave., Parma, a member of Edgewater Yacht Club.

Disclosure of the boat sale came as William J. Corrigan and Fred W. Garmone, co-defense counsel for Dr. Sam, issued a prepared statement in which they assailed newspapers, police and the courts for their handling of the murder probe.

Doubt Fair Trial Here

The statement charged that because of the manner in which newspapers handled the murder story that Dr. Sam was "convicted in the minds of the public before he was arrested and charged."

As a result, the attorneys said, "it appears doubtful whether he will be able to secure an unbiased jury in the district where he was born and educated and led a useful life."

Corrigan and Garmone did not state, however, whether they would seek a trial by jury in another section of the state or place the fate of the 30-year-old Bay Village osteopath in the hands of a panel of three Common Pleas judges here.

Drop New Questioning

Meanwhile, plans to take Dr. Sam from his County Jail questioning cell for questioning regarding the murder of his pregnant wife were dropped when county prosecutors withheld approval.

The plans were dropped as Dr. Sam received eight visitors during his regularly weekly period.

The visitors were his father, Dr. Richard A. Sheppard; his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Stephen A. Sheppard; Mrs. Dorothy Sheppard, wife of Dr. Richard N.; C. M. Davis, 353 Oak Cliff Dr., Bay Village; David B. Phillips, 24883 Electric Dr., Bay Village; Sy Rosen, of Shaker Heights, and Teaford Muncie, Macedonia, O.

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